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EXDIS FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM AMBASSADOR HECK AND EGAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HIJACKINGS: LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

1. PER YOUR DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR HECK OVER THE WEEKEND, HE HAS DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM THE SECRETARY TO MACEACHEN; MCLUCAS (FAA ADMINISTRATOR); AMBASSADOR BLAKE (ICELAND); AND AMBASSADOR RUSH. UPON RECEIPT OF APPROVED TEXTS, I WILL TRANSMIT MACEACHEN LETTER TO ENDERS TELEGRAPHICALLY FOR HIM TO DELIVER WITH NOTATION THAT SIGNED ORIGINAL WILL FOLLOW. MCLUCAS MESSAGE CAN BE HANDLED IN WASHINGTON WITH SIMILAR NOTATION. YOU MAY, HOWEVER, WISH TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO AMBASSADORS BLAKE AND RUSH DIRECTLY FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

2. MACEACHEN LETTER: BEGIN QUOTE - DEAR ALLAN:  
I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE FULL AND CLOSE COOPERATION WE RECEIVED FROM YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND FROM THOSE AGENCIES OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN THE RECENT HIJACKING OF  
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THE TWA AIRLINER WHICH WAS DIVERTED TO PARIS BY WAY OF

MONTREAL, GANDER AND REYKJAVIK. THE EFFORTS OF AMBASSADOR WARREN IN WASHINGTON AND THE CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE LIAISON WE ENJOYED WITH MR. J. G. HADWEN, DIRECTOR

GENERAL OF THE BUREAU OF SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE LIAISON OF YOUR DEPARTMENT WERE, I BELIEVE, CRUCIAL ELEMENTS IN THE RESOLUTION OF THIS DIFFICULT AND POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT.

THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THIS INCIDENT AND THE SAFE RETURN OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW WHO WERE HELD HOSTAGE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING AND WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES TO FACE THE APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL CONSEQUENCE OF THEIR ACT.

THIS INCIDENT ONLY STRENGTHENS OUR RESOLVE TO WORK TOWARD A GREATER AND MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE AND SEE THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF SUCH ACTS ARE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. IN THIS REGARD WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

HENRY KISSINGER - END QUOTE.

3. MCLUCAS LETTER: BEGIN QUOTE - DEAR MR. MCLUCAS:

I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PERFORMED BY YOUR AGENCY DURING THE RECENT HIJACKING OF A TWA DOMESTIC AIRLINER WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY DIVERTED TO PARIS. THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THIS INCIDENT AND THE SAFE RETURN OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE IN NO SMALL PART DUE TO THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES MADE TO OUR JOINT EFFORTS IN DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM. IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO CITE THE EFFORTS OF MR. RICHARD F. LALLY, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY SERVICE, WHOSE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL COOPERATION WAS ESPECIALLY VALUED BY MY STAFF.

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IT IS ONLY THROUGH SUCH A CONTINUED AND CLOSE COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE KEY AGENCIES IN GOVERNMENT THAT WE CAN COMBAT EFFECTIVELY THE THREAT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

SINCERELY,

HENRY KISSINGER - END QUOTE.

4. MESSAGE TO RUSH: BEGIN QUOTE - DEAR KEN

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I PERSONALLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN BRINGING ABOUT THE RELEASE WITHOUT HARM OF THE

PASSENGERS AND CREW OF THE HIJACKED TWA AIRPLANE WHICH ARRIVED EVENTUALLY IN PARIS. THIS LATEST INCIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WHICH RESULTED IN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF A NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICER, ONLY STRENGTHENS OUR RESOLVE TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO CONTAIN AND EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE THE SPECTER OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

PLEASE INFORM THOSE MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EFFORT THAT I PERSONALLY, AND THEIR COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON ARE PROUD OF THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE.

YOU SHOULD ALSO CONVEY TO THE APPROPRIATE FRENCH AUTHORITIES, OUR GRATIFICATION FOR THE FIRM MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, THEIR HANDLING OF THE INCIDENT AND THE EXPEDITIOUS RETURN OF THE TERRORISTS TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE I ANTICIPATE THEY WILL FACE THE APPROPRIATE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

HENRY KISSINGER - END QUOTE.

5. MESSAGE TO BLAKE: BEGIN QUOTE -

I WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE CALM AND EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HANDLED THE DIFFICULT AND DELICATE SITUATION PRESENTED BY THE HIJACKED TWA AIRPLANE  
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WHILE IN ICELANDIC TERRITORY. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONVEY TO THE APPROPRIATE ICELANDIC AUTHORITIES THE APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR EXCELLENT COOPERATION WHICH, I BELIEVE, CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THIS

INCIDENT WITHOUT LOSS OF LIFE TO THE PASSENGERS OR CREW OF THE AIRCRAFT. HENRY KISSINGER -END QUOTE. ROBINSON

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